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The Honorable Kathy Angerer Chairman, Health Policy Committe State Representative State Capitol P.O. Box 30014 Lansing, MI 48909-7514

RE: HB4207

Dear Chairman and Members of the Health Policy Committee:

Please know that Oakwood Healthcare supports HB 4207, which will help alleviate the nursing shortage in Michigan by expediting the availability of qualified foreign nurses.

We need those nurses, and we need them now in order to better serve our patients and your constituents. The situation is the same across Michigan.

Therefore, we are pleased to add our voice in support of this worthwhile legislation and would urge your committee to support and move it out of committee and through the legislature.

Sincerely,

Gerald D. Fitzgerald

President